

Torrance, California.  
February 14th., 1933.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE.

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chamber at Torrance, California, February 14th., 1933, and was called to order at 7:30 A.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: Conner, Hitchcock and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Ludlow and Wright.

Mayor Klusman stated the meeting was called for the purpose of considering the adoption of a Resolution requesting allocation of funds through the Los Angeles Stabilization Department, and any such other business that may appear before the Council. Clerk read

RESOLUTION NO. 560.

REQUESTING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS THROUGH  
THE LOS ANGELES STABILIZATION DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Conner moved that Resolution No. 560 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Ludlow and Wright.

No further business appearing before the Council the meeting adjourned on motion by Councilman Conner and seconded by Councilman Hitchcock.

The meeting adjourned 7:45 A.M.

A. H. Bant  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

Mayor of the City of Torrance.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chamber at Torrance, California, February 14th., 1933, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 24th., 1933, the minutes of special meetings of January 31st., 1933, February 7th., 1933 and February 14th., 1933, respectively, be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Conner inquired in regard to Ordinance pertaining to second-hand dealers. Attorney Jensen stated he was trying to fix up an Ordinance to coincide with other Ordinances of other sixth class cities.

Councilman Conner reported that the water heater in the Fire Department is beyond repair and should be replaced by a new one and moved that we buy a smaller heater. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Conner called attention to insurance covering volunteer firemen and moved that this policy be renewed. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Conner stated he had gone over the ground in Hollywood Riviera with the Fire Chief and read a recommendation covering fire equipment to be installed subject to the approval or rejection of the Council. Councilman Hitchcock moved we purchase this equipment. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Ludlow not voting.

Councilman Conner introduced Mrs. Suttle, Manager of the Veterans Relief Association who asked permission to stage dances in the interest of the Association. Councilman Conner moved the organization be permitted to operate their dances without a license. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman asked Councilman Conner for report on private police service in the downtown district, and Councilman Conner stated the Police committee agreed, and recommended to the Council, that Mr. Morrow be allowed to solicit merchants and in the event he finds there are a sufficient number of merchants who desire this service for him to report to the Council. Also the Police committee is contacting merchants to ascertain whether or not they want the service.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Standard Oil Company of California under date of February 10th., 1933, addressed to F.R. Leonard, City Engineer, regarding the expense involved in changing their pipe lines to accommodate the proposed widening of Sepulveda Boulevard. Engineer Leonard stated that this communication had been referred to the County Road Commissioner and was under consideration. Councilman Wright moved the letter be filed. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Albert Johnson, 4727 E. Slauson, Maywood, California, requesting permission to transport dynamite for the purpose of destroying an engine base at the corner of Emerald & Hawthorne. Councilman Conner moved the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce under date of February 13, 1933, concerning the beautification of the Pacific Electric Railway right-of-way on Torrance Boulevard, west from Cravens Avenue. Clerk Bartlett also read a communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company under date of February 4, 1933, addressed to Mr. Donald Findley regarding proposed beautification of their right-of-way on Torrance Boulevard. The question of the city assuming taxes on this property was called up and Engineer Leonard stated that there would be no taxes assessed by the County on this property and that no special assessments would be placed against the property unless placed there by some City Council.

Councilman Conner was excused at 8:30 P.M.

Councilman Ludlow moved the Engineer take the matter of the Pacific Electric right-of-way up with Mr. Pontius. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the General Petroleum Corporation of California under date of February 6, 1933, enclosing statement representing the tax due the City of Torrance and showing the method of computing tax due under franchises granted by virtue of the Broughton Act of the State of California, and also enclosing their check in amount \$77.04 in payment of the tax so developed. Councilman Ludlow moved that we accept this check and agree to accept payment for franchise taxes due on October 31st of each year hereafter. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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A communication was read from the Associated Oil Company under date of February 1, 1933, advising no receipts or earnings were derived by said Company from the use and ownership of said pipe line, for the construction and operation of which said franchise is granted.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Woolner Oil Corporation, under date of February 3, 1933, with further reference to their oil derrick located at the north-east corner of Eshelman Avenue and 235th. St. Torrance, and advising that they had leased the property to an oil operator who has repaired the derrick and will redrill and produce the well continuously. Also as far as they know, it is his intention to have a man on duty there twenty-four hours.

Engineer Leonard called attention to a letter filed by Mr. C.E. Hooper offering to deed 25 ft. off his property for the extension of 237th. Street west of Narbonne Avenue. The Engineer stated it would be necessary to have a street title guarantee provided the land was accepted by the city. Councilman Ludlow moved this be referred to the Street Department Chairman and City Attorney for recommendation and report at the next meeting with the proper papers to go ahead if it is necessary. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

With reference to the extension of Cedar Avenue into the General Petroleum property, City Engineer Leonard reported he had been unable to contact the manager of the Land Department on account of the illness of Mr. Needham but that the matter would be taken care of as soon as possible.

Attorney Jensen stated with reference to Prairie Avenue, that suit is now pending, we will not go to trial until we have negotiated with the General Petroleum.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that Eldorado and Elm Street repairs have been completed, also repairs to crossing on Sartori Avenue has been completed.

Councilman Hitchcock requested permission to purchase 4 tons of hay. Councilman Ludlow moved request to purchase hay be granted. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Conner.

A delegation from the McDonald Tract present in the audience inquired as to apparent delay of the Prairie Avenue proceedings. This was explained by Mayor Klusman and City Attorney Jensen.

The Mayor reported that he had attended a meeting of the City Planners Association at Claremont, that nothing of importance was brought up. He also attended a meeting of Sanitary Sewer District No. 5 where they appointed a committee to further investigate the outfall.

The Mayor stated that he had invited the Western Avenue Improvement Association to meet at the City Hall in Torrance, February 20th., at 8:00 P.M.

Councilman Ludlow reported the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities had a fine meeting at San Gabriel, 3 or 4 assemblymen there and spoke on various bills now pending.

Councilman Ludlow moved we appropriate the necessary amount to pay the membership fee to the League of California Municipalities. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Mr. Deininger in the audience stated that the last few years the City of Torrance has cut down trees around Torrance and for some future time there would be no more wood, and would recommend that young trees from the C.C.M.O. Camp and other available trees at the present time be planted along the highway. Councilman Ludlow moved this be referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

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Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

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Mayor of the City of Torrance.

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